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Another thing which will not fail to attract your notice is a marble altar, five feet high, of the most exquisite workmanship, and which is anointed every morning with the finest perfumes that can be had. On the eastern side of it is the following inscription. "*If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not.*"

Accordingly the good Giant, before he takes a book in his hand, always kneels down before the altar, and implores the assistance of the great Father of Truth: from which we may suppose, that he never looks into an author who is not capable of giving him some real and useful improvement, as well as diversion.

I dare say, therefore, that he never reads the History of *Tom Hickatbrist*, or *Jack the Giant-Killer*, or *Goody Shipton*, or any other such idle stories; and much less any thing which borders upon profaneness or indecency; for these, to be sure, would be fine books for him to pray over!

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over! It is likewise my opinion, gage for it, that most sober gages in the same way of thinking opinion, I say, that if young misses were to follow the Giant's example, and always say their prayers they go to school, they would be less for it, but rather the more.

But before we quit the Librarian, be worth our while to take notice by the way of a *fine large golden cage*, which hangs up near the windows. This is, indeed, a very bird, and so ingenious, I can assure that he hath learned not only to read, but also to write. Nay, if you'll be so good, is no stranger even to the Greek. Some will add that he can reason, though, for my part, I can't say I ever heard him. But, read you, poor bird! he does not understand the meaning of it; and the most to chatter a line out of one another's scrap out of another, without a